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Examiner : Milton Nelson Jr.  
Applicants : Larry (NMI) DeKraker et al.  
Appln. No. : 10/740,015  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in the above-identified application.

Any fee for additional claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Col. 1		Col. 2	Col. 3	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total Claims	18	Minus	20	= 0	x \$25	\$0.00	X \$ 50	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	= 0	x 100	\$0.00	X \$200	\$0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims \$180						\$0.00	X \$360	\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$0.00		\$0.00

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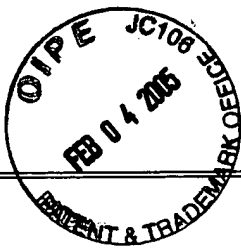
1. ☐ Small entity status of this application 37 CFR §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted or is enclosed.
2. ☒ No additional fee is required.
3. ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached.
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action of November 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.